

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006.

Claim 8 is amended. As a result, claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

It is noted that this amendment to claim 8 was previously submitted in the Amendment and Response, dated October 13, 2006. However, this amendment was not entered. As noted on page 2 of the Advisory Action, dated October 27, 2006, “the amendments to claim 8 would be entered after-final if a separate paper were filed containing only such amendments. . . . Such amendments are believed to overcome the 112 rejection set forth in the Final Office Action of 6/13/06, and thus place the application in better condition for appeal.” For this reason, the amendment to claim 8 is resubmitted herein.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 8 (and 9-14 depending therefrom) were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 8 was amended to clarify the subject matter therein. The amendment makes express what was implicit in the claims as originally worded. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 and claims 9-14 dependent therefrom are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3275 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.


Respectfully submitted,

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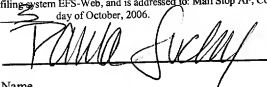
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